

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-3, 5-27, 29-30, 32-33, 35-38, and 40-52 are pending in the application, with 1, 38 and 42 being the independent claims. By this Amendment, Applicants seek to amend claims 1, 38, and 42. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter.

Applicants also submit, along with the present Amendment and Reply, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-3, 5-27, 29-30, 32-33, 35-38, and 40-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1, 38, and 42 to more clearly recite the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants, therefore, contend that claim 1, 38, and 42, and claims 2-3, 5-27, 29-30, 32-33, 35-37, 40-41, and 43-52 which depend therefrom, are now allowable under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5-27, 29-30, 32-33, 35-38 and 40-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Safetylogic, according to the articles below about Aon's Safetylogic. The articles are:

- A. Roberts' "New online tool target loss costs"
- B. Gjersen's "'Aonline' offers web serviced to RMs"

Applicants respectfully submit that Safetylogic articles fail to teach or suggest the claimed invention. In particular, the Safetylogic articles fail to teach or suggest a method comprising, *inter alia*, performing an assessment of a site using the one or more site-specific assessment files, **the site-specific assessment files including interactive questions for prompting a user to (i) answer questions or (ii) perform one or more tasks**, as recited in claims 1, 38, and 42. These features are discussed, for example, in Applicants' specification, paragraph 0125.

For example, the Safetylogic articles discuss several interactive features that enable a client to send email or attachments to a broker. These articles also teach, as noted in the Office Action on page 4, that forms and audits are downloaded into a hand-held personal computer letting field managers record information while away from the office. Applicants respectfully point out, however, that the downloading of forms into a hand-held personal computer does not facilitate interactivity nor provide interactive questions, as recited in Applicants' claims. In Applicants' system, interactive questions prompt the user to answer other questions and perform one or more tasks. All of the Safetylogic articles appear to be silent regarding this feature.

Even assuming *arguendo* that that one would be motivated to combine these references in the manner suggested by the Office Action, the present invention would not be obvious in view of such combinations. The suggested combinations would not result in the presently claimed invention reciting a method and system for performing an assessment of a site using the one or more site-specific assessment files, the site-specific assessment files including interactive questions for prompting a user to (i) answer questions or (ii) perform one or more tasks.

In view of the above arguments, it is clear that the present invention would not have been rendered obvious by the suggested combinations to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention. Therefore, claims 1, 38, and 42 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being patentable, either alone or in combination with the various articles about Aon's Safetylogic.

Claims 2-3 and 5-27, 29-30, 32-33, and 35-37 depend from claim 1, claims 40 and 41 depend from claim 38, and claims 43-52 depend from claim 42. Therefore, claims 2-3, 5-27, 29-30, 32-33, 35-37, 40, and 43-52 are allowable at least for the reasons claims 1, 38, and 42 are allowable, and for the specific features recited therein.

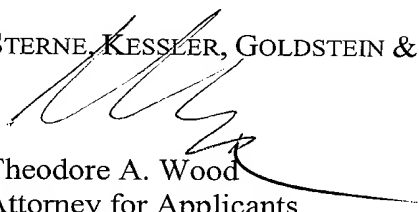
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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